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METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING NUCLEIC ACIDS BY MEANS OF MATRIX-ASSISTED LASER DESORPTION/IONISATION MASS SPECTROMETRY

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 International Application Number PCT/EP98/07911; and was
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<u>97121471.3</u> (Number)	<u>European Patent</u> (Country)	<u>December 5, 1997</u> (Month/Day/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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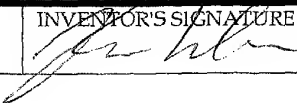
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(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(d))--NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Docket No. 0147-0202P

Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: Ivo Glynne GUT et al.
 Application No.: 09/555,866
 Application Filed: June 6, 2000
 International Application No.: PCT/EP98/07911
 International Filing Date: December 4, 1998
 Title: Method for Identifying Nucleic Acids by Means of Matrix-Assisted Laser
 Desorption/Ionisation Mass Spectrometry

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